

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

AUGUST 15, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Councilman Bridges arrived later in the meeting. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that she met with the DLGF regarding the 2018 budget. She said they will need to cut \$11,000.00 from the CCD budget for 2017; approximately \$129,850.00 needs to be cut from the Rainy Day Fund. We need to cut \$300,000.00 from the General and MVH funds. This can be a combination of both funds and can be a combination of the 2017 budget and 2018 budget. She said they anticipate our assessed value to go up by approximately 3.5 million. The public hearing for the 2018 budget will be September 19, and the adoption will be October 3.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said we continue to move forward. The Redevelopment Commission approved a memorandum of understanding on the Overlook project. Pavey said we may see equipment soon at Flatrock Grill for demolition.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Cameron said the next concert is this Saturday.

Mayor Pavey said he met with the Park Board. They discussed a redesign of Community Park. Also a consideration to rename the park The Carol Jenkins Park.

- **Marketing** – Nothing
- **APC/BZA** – We are having conversations on requiring 2 art pieces or donations towards art for new development.
- **City Center** – The Board of Works voted to move forward with the ADA portion. The garage portion will be removed in the next few weeks.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Nothing.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker announced that Robert Miller, former Police Chief, passed away. The services are tomorrow at Mosters. \

He said they will be receiving a grant from NineStar for \$5,700.00 for the body cameras and in car cameras.

Street – City streets continue to be paved.

Park – Park Director Burklow said the Board of Works hired Thurston Owens as the Assistant Director.

They are working on the location for the dog park. They continue working on the playground at North Memorial Park.

Animal – Warden Moran presented a copy of today's hearing. She reported they raised \$320.00 with "Pooches at the Pool". They also had the quarterly evaluation.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Nothing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Employee Policy Adjustments** – Handout should be reviewed for the next meeting.

Councilman Bridges arrived.

2. **Resolution and Assessment Agreement – Durbin and Knights of Pythias** – This will be pulled from the agenda for a later date.

3. **Resolution 2017-15 Amending Economic Development Area and Plans** – The next step is to go before the APC/BZA.
4. **Traffic Committee – Parking Issues – Golf Carts** – Chief Tucker said a study was done at the 1300 block of Park Boulevard for speeding. 225 vehicles were observed, 8 were stopped. None were at an excess of significant speed.

Golf Cart Ordinance – Chief Tucker said he has gathered some outside input and would like to recommend tabling the matter for further discussion. Tucker said he would like to pass something by the 1st of the year. He suggested holding a public meeting. Councilman Berkemeier volunteered to work with Tucker.

5. **New Abatement Policy** – John McCane introduced David Reed and Kevin Chestnut from Intat who were present to request new tax abatements for Intat. Chestnut said he has worked with Umbaugh to prepare a modified schedule for the TIF area. There is also a second resolution and abatement request that is not in the TIF area. After discussion Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2017-20 approving the tax abatement for the TIF site. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Smith moved to approve Resolution 2017-21 for tax abatement for the non TIF site. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tax Abatement Instructions – Berkemeier said he would like to add time lines or statutory deadlines so all deadlines are met.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2017-17 Transferring Funds to Park & Rec Salaries** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-17. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2017-18 Transferring Pilot Funds** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2017-18. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2017-14 Procedures on Street, Alley or Public Way Vacation** – Cameron moved to approve Ordinance 2017-14. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance 2017-15- Amending Handicap Parking Schedule** – Chief Tucker said the schedule will be updated annually. Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2017-15. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Ordinance 2017-16 – Amending Parking Schedule** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2017-16. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Ordinance 2017-17 Golf Card Requirements** – Cameron moved to table. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried with Smith voting “nay”.

7. **Dog Bite Policy** – Warden Moran said we need to add a fine to the policy for unvaccinated animal bites. She would like to see a fine of \$500.00. Cameron moved to table. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. **Park Board Update** – Pavey said he met with the Park Board to explain items that they found confusing. He also updated them on bigger projects.

CLAIMS – Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Mayor Pavey said we need to address as quickly as possible the reimbursement policy when an employee leaves their position with the City.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.